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"Carousel" on stage tonight

by Ellen Arky

"Carousel," the first Drama Club production of the year, will be presented at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 10, and tomorrow, Saturday, December 11, in the auditorium. Admission will be $1.50 for students and $2.00 for adults. The play also ran for two performances last weekend.

A musical drama, "Carousel" is about the lives and loves of Billy Bigelow and Julie Jordan, played by Bill Newman and Diane Reardon. The role of Carrie Pipperidge is played by Shalynn Murphy and Heidi Wetherford on alternate nights. Paul Romero portrays Enoch Snow and James Marks is Jigger Craigan.

The music and lyrics of the play were written by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Music in the production here is directed by Mrs. Katherine Hunsberger and the orchestra is conducted by Dr. Paul Kimmel. Choreographer is Bonnie Finfer.

Barbara Beecher and Holly Leling are student producers of the show which is directed by drama teacher Mr. Elliot Taubenslag. Tina Tromp is lighting director and Randy Castellano is stage manager.

Tim South, Sue Duni, Eileen Doktorski and Daryll Thompson rehearse for "Carousel."

Faculty rates cafeteria

by William Pandos

For the 76/77 school year, Dr. Ashley has chosen Mr. Kenneth Hitchner as the faculty representative of food services at East Brunswick High School.

With the new appointment, Mr. Hitchner, in early November, went to work surveying both faculty and students regarding many aspects of the high school's Food Service Program. Questionnaires were placed in faculty mailboxes, and four questionnaires were given to each homeroom representative to give to four students in their assigned homeroom. the students chosen must have eaten in the cafeteria regularly, or else results that would have been attained would have been meaningless. Through this procedure, Mr. Hitchner received a good cross sampling, and meaningful data to evaluate the program.

The study was recently completed and compiled, and these are the results as presented by Mr. Hitchner: Of the 157 staff members who answered the survey, it was found that 40% never eat in the cafeteria for various reasons. About 30% eat there sometimes, and 30% eat there frequently. The 95 persons that indicated that they eat in the cafeteria either frequently or sometimes, rated food wholesomeness, attractiveness of preparation, and food quality as adequate, while the variety of foods was rated as poor.

The reasons why 62, or 40% of the 157 staff members never purchase food in the cafeteria is as follows: The majority answered that they felt that they didn't have enough time to eat properly. The second largest response was because of the poor quality of the food.

Vandalism at EBHS steadily decreasing

by Larry Kling

School records indicate a downward trend in the rate of vandalism during the last several years.

Principal Dr. Larry Ashley, has said that this holds true even now when vandalism could be expected to result as "the product of overcrowding."

Dr. Ashley said the damage done during the homecoming by a group of South River students 'getting even' with us amounted to under $100. "We deserved it," he added, "it was a matter of tit for tat." He allowed this could be excused inasmuch as the SRHS vs. EBHS rivalry has become somewhat of a tradition.

Dr. Ashley believes any property harm this year due to vandalism has been minimal and that the cost of repair work "is well under a reasonable figure." He continued, "You've got to realize that there are 2500 kids in this school. Considering that, this year's overcrowding has been handled very, very well. All the credit has to be given to the students."

Dr. Ashley pointed out that "there has not been one complaint about the breakfast program," noting that it has successfully replaced the group of vending machines which were out of order more often than not. In vain efforts either to get what they paid for or to retrieve what they paid, some students punched and kicked the machines.

Overall, Dr. Ashley is quite pleased with the general decrease in vandalism. "Every research study shows," he said, "that as student population increases, vandalism increases." EBHS has shown just the opposite.

Class News

by Doug Fasciale

The Junior Class will hold a 24-hour volleyball marathon on January 13 with two 24-hour junior teams challenging all other entrants in the contest. Players may enter as a team of ten or as individuals. Entry fee will be $1.50 per person or $10.00 per team of ten. Additional information may be obtained from class vice president Lori Schuckman.

Officers of the class are Doug Fasciale, president; Lori Schuckman, vice president; Debbie Ramson, secretary and Kathy Heilman, treasurer.

Thus far, the class has earned $200 from two bake sales, a pretzel sale and a homecoming button sale. Other activities planned are four more bake sales, two film nights, two car washes, refreshment stands at the Student Union Circus and a dance, in addition to the volleyball marathon. Funds raised will be used either for a class trip or for a semi-formal dance, with the choice to be made by class members.

If anyone is interested in helping the sophomore class or has any ideas for activities, please contact your homeroom representative or one of the class officers.

Portables finally approved, near factory completion

by Larry Kling

Four portable classrooms are slated for installation sometime next week and school curriculum coordinator Dr. Kenneth Burnett says hopefully the units will begin serving 1,000 students per day before vacation time.

Construction of the portables is now being completed by Eckert and Gatarz of South Brunswick.

Dr. Burnett explained, "We're pushing them to finish the job before Christmas."

Final approval of the portables' substandard architectural design came November 8 from the state Department of Education's Bureau of Facilities and Planning.

Ceiling height is the only reason the portable classrooms do not meet current state architectural standards. The ceilings are 18 inches lower than the required 9.5 feet. Air conditioning will compensate for the lost air circulation space. All other design workmanship and materials meet minimum state requirements.

The portable classrooms will appear much like house trailers with their aluminum siding and wood paneled interiors. Total cost of the classrooms will top $70,000.

According to principal Dr. Larry Ashley, nearly a year and a half has passed since the portables were first considered as a solution to the then impending overcrowding to be created by the influx of students from the two junior high schools.

The Board of Education originally opted to meet rigid state specifications for the units while considering their high cost. Board members then found standard portables (built to state's specifications) were not affordable.

According to Dr. Burnett, quick emergency approval of the chosen substandard classrooms was expected to resolve the matter. It did not. Later, it was learned that the portable classrooms could not be installed without approval of the state Department of Education.

NHS criteria reviewed by faculty-student group

Revisions in the criteria for selection of students to the National Honor Society have been made based upon recommendations of a faculty-student committee under the direction of chairman Mr. Alan Lesitsky, Society advisor.

Under the new procedures, members of the junior and senior classes will be screened after second quarter each year. Juniors must have a cumulative average of 3.6 or better for 10th grade and the first half of 11th grade. Seniors must have a cumulative average of 3.4 or better for 10th and 11th grades and the first half of 12th grade. Students who qualify scholastically will be invited to submit an application.

Applicants will be given three activity forms to be completed and returned by the advisor of the activity or club. The advisor will rate the students' participation as outstanding, good, adequate, limited or none. The forms then will be screened by the selection committee using the following guidelines: There must be outstanding participation in at least one school or community activity, good participation in at least two school or community activities and at least one of the activities must be a service organization. Students who list a club or activity in which they actually do not participate will be automatically disqualified. The selection committee will publish a list of service organizations before the selection process begins.

In addition, all teachers and administrators will be contacted to evaluate the character of the applicants they know. If a student receives two or more negative comments which are of a serious nature relative to character, the student will be disqualified for membership. All said students reserve the right to appeal directly to the principal and are guaranteed due process.

Dance, tree lighting, concert on tap

The annual Christmas Dance will be held on Friday, December 17.

The dance is a semi-formal. As in the past, music will be provided by the Indigos, the East Brunswick Dance Band. The Indigos are directed by Mr. M. DeCarolis. Group III will also play during the dance, which will begin at 7:30. Both the band and the Color Guard have worked on preparations for the dance. Since the East Brunswick High School Band is sponsoring the dance, profits raised will support the tentatively planned Band trip. Appetizers will be served during the dance. The "Indigos" have many new songs prepared for the dance. The cost is $5 per couple.

The annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony sponsored by the Student Union and the Chorus Christmas Concert will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 20.

Directed by Mrs. Katherine Hunsberger, the concert will feature a variety of musical styles. The mixed chorus and choir, the mixed ensemble, the all-girl Bel Cantos and the all-boy barbershop quartet will perform. Chorus alumni also will be part of the singing groups. All students are invited to attend.

Happy Holidays

******FROM THE****** EDITOR'S DESK

Many people have asked why it has been nearly two months since the last publication of THE CLARION. Juniors and seniors have noted that in recent years the paper had come out on the first day of school, in mid-October, just before Thanksgiving, and just prior to the Christmas vacation. This year we have not come out just prior to Thanksgiving, nor will we do so just prior to Christmas. Instead we have combined the two issues and are publishing on December 10. The reason for this reduction from nine issues to seven issues is the reduction of money allotted to THE CLARION.

Because of a lack of money, all departments have felt the "crunch." However, as I am the Editor-In-Chief of THE CLARION, I cannot help feeling paranoic about this situation. It seems as though the school newspaper has received the worst of it., Dr. Ashley, our principal, has done a very admirable job and having spoken with him, I come to the conclusion that he is sincere and dedicated to satisfying the needs of all departments as much as possible. However, due to certain factors (that are probably beyond the control of any one person), THE CLARION has been "shafted."

In giving examples of the unfair unbalance of fund allotment, I have decided not to be too specific, since the purpose of this editorial is not to hurt anyone, but to show a point. If one looks around the school, however, one can see that certain organizations exist who own single pieces of equipment that cost more money than it takes to print THE CLARION for a whole year. Another point is that this paper matches 25 per cent of the money given to it in the form of advertising money. This is a fact that not many other clubs can boast about. And yet, it was THE CLARION who had to reduce its output.

Another point that should be discussed is that this school needs a journalism course. Many of the articles (particularly news stories), are not being written as well as they should be because the writers have had no training in journalistic style. These writers are using the styles taught to them in their English classes. The two styles most often stressed in these courses are "funnel method" and "picture Frame". The "funnel method" style emphasizes building up to the thesis statement. Both styles emphasize putting the most important arguments at the end of the paper to induce interest. Both styles stress being opinionated. These are exactly the characteristics of a bad news story. The EBHS graduate who wants to continue in Journalism in college is immediately at a disadvantage. EBHS has a video productions course teaching electronic communications, so why not a journalism course teaching written communications?

Thrills of victory

by William Pandos

After talking with a member of the Chess Club, one can come to realize that the Chess Club is more neglected than a Maytag repairman.

Formed five years ago, the club presently consists of twenty three members, under the direction of physics teacher Mr. Edward Weston. Out of the twenty three members, seven comprise the chess team, each a master of the chess board.

Mr. Weston and company compete in two leagues in the area, the Central Jersey League and the Shore League. Each Wednesday the team will play either home or away, but certainly will emerge the victors. To date, the chess club has won nine trophies, which is more than any other sport/club in the school, not including personal trophies. Displayed in room 46, the trophies are mainly for first place in the Central Jersey and Shore Leagues. With a winning season so far, more trophies are sure to find their way to room 46.

Mr. Weston takes care of the scheduling. With so much going on, a new assistant advisor is needed.

The team competes from the middle of October to April. Even with the winning records, and the great amount of enthusiasm, the team has not been funded more than ten dollars from the school, and still has to provide its own transportation to and from matches.

A chess master will be here this month to challenge anyone in a simultaneous match. There will be a charge of fifty cents to enter the competition.

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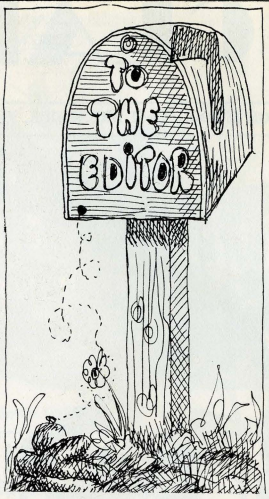


To the Editor:

Many students feel that if a Student Union fundraiser goes unsupported that this will mean an end **only** to social functions such as assemblies, special concerts, field days, holiday programs, et. al.

The Student Union is the representative of the student population. In this aspect, the S.U. is the voice of the **united** student body and represents the student viewpoint on matters such as curriculum (class choices) disciplinary codes, open campus and the lunch program. Through the Union we have been heard by the Board of Education, with members on the Board's committees: planning, Thorough and Efficient, Curriculum and Affirmative Action, as well as on the Board itself. This input into the community and school is respected, and many times invited. Through this participation come rules and regulations concerning us that are fair and not unjust, since we had input concerning them **before** they become set.

By not supporting S.U. activities, you are implying that all student input into matters that concern us is worthless. If all students felt this way we would be content with a system consisting of no open periods (just assigned studies), classes being cut without explanation, and Board of Education decisions which do not take into account their effect on the student population.

If it is not clear by now, the aim of this article is a plea to all students to support S.U. activities. If you feel that any are not worthwhile please let **us** know in person, not by being unsupportive. By not supporting **YOUR** Student Union you are not only ending social activities, you are strangling your voice in all matters that affect you.

"All your strength is in your **union**, all your **danger** is in discord."

Kenneth A. Kirkely

To the Editor:

The message I would like to convey to the band members is that I am working hard for the band—for you, not myself. At certain times I have to use my authority, (which I do not like to do) but it is for your own good and the band's benefit. The only way that the band could possibly look good is if they all work together as one single unit and that is what my job is all about; to keep the band moving as a single, disciplined unit. I expect the band to be as enthusiastic as I am. I really want to go on a trip this year and I want to go somewhere big. I want to go somewhere that when the band members look back, they'll say that it was the best trip they ever took. Our trip depends on the amount of money we raise so I hope everyone will really work hard towards a great trip.

What's Up, Doc?

As all students and staff members are aware, concerns are voiced relative to the Food Services operation within the High School on various occasions. Many of the difficulties are resolved in a relatively short period of time when communications occur between the person(s) with the problems, and the cafeteria staff. In the event that problems can not be resolved then they should be brought to the attention of one of the building administrators who would then be able to take proper and appropriate steps to ameliorate the matter.

Relative to the above, other processes exist within the school district to maintain and improve the cafeteria situation, the foremost of which is the Food Services Council, which has the responsibility of coordinating food services activities. Complaints and concerns can be voiced at the Council, and the High School is represented by staff and students. Additionally, the Student Union has been involved in recent work pertinent to the cafeteria, and the staff is currently being surveyed to determine its feelings towards the food, its preparation and quality, and other points. The hope is that the situation will become acceptable for all. In the event that you are interested in being involved, please inform either your Homeroom representative, or leave your name in the main office, and we will be able to notify you as to when a meeting will occur.

Larry Ashley, Ed. D.

RECORD FEEDBACK

by David Saul and Mike Sowa

Black and Blue—The Rolling Stones

"Black and Blue," the most recent album by the Rolling Stones, is perhaps the most disappointing LP they have ever released in their fourteen years of recording. The main problem with the album is that the Stones, a white group, attempt to sing soul style music. It is reasonable to say that when a non-black group tries to play soul music, the result is usually a disaster. "Black and Blue" is no exception to this general rule. What saves the album from being a total calamity is a song called "The Hand of Fate." This song is typical of the Stones classic hard rock style which produced such tunes in the past as "It's Only Rock 'n Roll" and "DooDooDooDooDoo (Heartbreaker)."

Another song on "Black and Blue" which deserves recognition is a ballad called "Memory Motel." This song is quite similar to the old Rolling Stones hit "Wild Horses." All in all, "Black and Blue" minus the two previously mentioned songs is nothing at all special. Therefore, the album is recommended for die-hard Stones fans only.

Agents of Fortune—Blue Oyster Cult

"Agents of Fortune," the latest effort by the Blue Oyster Cult, is an album which is only fully appreciated after repeated listenings. One may tell after hearing the record once or twice that it is not too spectacular. However, in time, the listener slowly becomes accustomed to the album. "Agents of Fortune" consists primarily of the usual brand of B.O.C. hard rock but several other styles (sixties rock, rhythm & blues and country western) are also present. It is this unique blend of totally unrelated song textures which may take a little while to get used to.

The one song from the album which has achieved some radio play is the Cult's new single "(Don't Fear) The Reaper." Although this song is partially made up of the afore mentioned sixties rock style, it is still a strikingly original tune. "Agents of Fortune" in general, is a good album which is highly recommended.

(In a forthcoming issue of "The Clarion' our Record Feedback column will contain a feature story on the groups and albums that are currently winning the battle for rock popularity in EBHS. Therefore, all students, please cooperate with any pollsters who may come in contact with you.—D.S. and M.S.)

Marching Band is not just music and routines. It teaches one discipline and responsibility and I hope each member reaches their fullest potential.

Dianne White
EBHS Marching Band President

To the Editor:

Although most of the student body feels a great amount of disinterest towards the Pi-R-Squares, East Brunswick High School's square dancing club, the club marches on. Luckily, the club has a dedicated advisor, Helen Fine, and enthusiastic club members. So far this year, the club has supported a barn dance, which was unsuccessful, but enjoyable to the few who participated.

The club meets every Friday from 3:10 to 5:00. Dues are 75 cents a week, and refreshments are provided. The club's main objective is to graduate its members, so that they can dance at any square dance, around the country. The club has hired a renowned national caller, Dick Jones, who hopes to graduate the club. The members of the Pi-R-Squares ask that any students who have a basic knowledge of square dancing, to come and enjoy a great social activity. The club needs your support.

Karen Schubert
Vice President, Pi-R-Squares

College scene

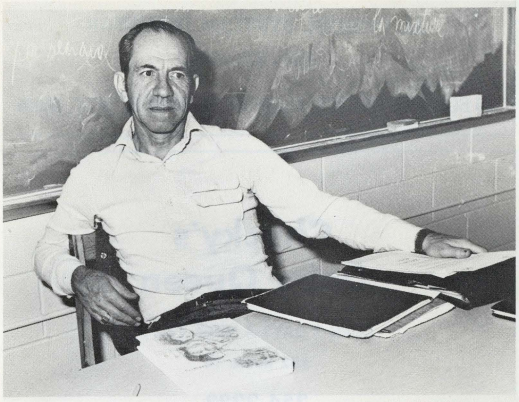
The State of New Jersey tries to give its residents the opportunity to attend a low cost higher educational institution. The state colleges: Glassboro, Jersey City, Kean, Montclair, Ramapo, Stockton, Trenton and William Patterson, were erected in order to fulfill New Jersey's needs. Attending one of the above schools is economical for the student and his family. The tuition is subsidized by the state, and many financial aid programs are available to those who need it.

The state colleges offer diversity in the areas where a student might wish to attend school. For example, Glassboro is in a small, rural Southern Jersey town, 25 miles from Philadelphia, while Jersey City and Montclair are located close to New York City. Ramapo and William Paterson situated in a suburban setting near a metropolitan area.

All of the state colleges offer a four year liberal arts education for men and women. Students who are interested in applying to one of the colleges, should see their guidance counselor, or correspond directly with the college.

Spotlight on . . .

Mr. Toplisky



by Barry Herstein and Nancy Meyers

Valentin Toplisky has been a teacher at EBHS for many years. He is also the advisor to the French Club. The following is an interview conducted with him by Clarion staff.

CLARION: Where were you born?

MR. TOPLISKY: I was born in Bulgaria on the day World War I ended.

CLARION: Where did you spend your childhood?

MR. TOPLISKY: All my childhood was spent in Bulgaria. I attended a boarding school which was run by the French government in Bulgaria. I was there from age 10 to 18.

CLARION: Why and when did you leave Bulgaria?

MR. TOPLISKY: At the time I was in school, Bulgaria was a Deocratic country, like the U.S. After the Communist takeover after WW II, I escaped on a boat and by swimming.

CLARION: Where did you go after your escape?

MR. TOPLISKY: I spent a year in Istanbul waiting for my visa to the United States. I came to the U.S. on July 22, 1966.

CLARION: Where did you go and what did you do when you came to the U.S.?

MR. TOPLISKY: I stayed with my two brothers who were already here in Tenafly, N.J. I went back to college. I had gone to medical school and had a masters degree in Bulgaria, but it didn't mean anything in the U.S. I took a bachelors degree equivalency course in Russian because it was the easiest for me. Then I went to Columbia University for my masters degree.

CLARION: What do you like most abut the U.S.?

MR. TOPLISKY: Being free. That is the main reason I came here. People here have the most freedom anywhere, and sometimes they don't realize that. This country has many great opportunities to offer.

CLARION: How did you decide to become a teacher?

MR. TOPLISKY: I had already taught in Bulgaria—2 years in a college and 4 years in a senior high school.

CLARION: What other work experience have you had?

MR. TOPLISKY: In Bulgaria, I worked as a medical inspector. I worked in helping prevent disease. I met Kruschev personally when I was working there. He came in with a medical problem one day and I spoke to him.

CLARION: How many languages lo you speak?

MR. TOPLISKY: I speak seven languages. I can read, write and understand twelve.

CLARION: Which ones can you speak?

MR. TOPLISKY: Latin, Bulgarian, Russian, French, German, Spanish and English, which is my worst. But, I work hard to improve. I spoke no English at all when I first came to this country.

CLARION: What are your hobbies and interests?

MR. TOPLISKY: I like to draw and play the harmonica. I used to play the trombone in an orchestra and the baritone in a band. I also play the trumpet. I like cinema. I'm a movie fan.

CLARION: What are your goals?

MR. TOPLISKY: To always know more and improve myself. I'm always searching for knowledge. I love to read. Especially philosophy and politics.

Mrs. Wood

by Karen Schubert

Mrs. Wood is perhaps one of the most beloved teachers at East Brunswick High School. She gives her courses, World Literature and Composition the interest and originality her students appreciate. Her courses reflect her experience as a teacher, and the interesting life she has led.

Susan Wood was born in Skytop, Pennsylvania. She attended Marywood College in Scranton, East Straudsburg State Teachers College, and the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. She also attended Fordham University and Trenton State College. She has received a Master's degree in English.

Mrs. Wood has taught home economics in Pennsylvania, California and here at East Brunswick High School. She also has taught French. Other teaching assignments she has had are at Middlesex County College and Jamesburg School for Boys, a reform school. At the moment, Mrs. Wood is teaching a high school equivalency diploma course.

She feels the most rewarding aspect in her job is, "Knowing that I have been some use to a youngster, when someone comes back later on and says "Thank you."

Mrs. Wood, thank you.

Student Union to have tea

With Christmas, and other holiday occasions right-around-the-corner, the hustling, bustling mood of the season is evident . . . Crowds of people do their Christmas shopping, traffic jams, streets decorated in the traditional holiday garb, and Santa Clauses filling the department stores. One of the major events of this time of year is the faculty tea.

The tea will be held December 16 by the Traditional Committee of the Student Union, under the direction of chairman Bill Pandos.

The tea gives the faculty a chance to get in the holiday mood and to get reacquainted with their fellow workers. After school the faculty assembles in the cafeteria, and settles down for a fun time to be had by all. Mr. DeCarolis and the Indigos will supply the entertainment. Sandwiches of various kinds will be served, and for dessert, there will be eclairs, cookies and creme puffs.

Regen wins Science award

Chester M. Regen has been named winner of the annual Bausch & Lomb Science Award. The Science Award—a handsome bronze medal—is presented each year to winners at more than 8,600 participating schools throughout the United States and Canada. The presentation of this medal will take place in the spring at the Senior Award Assembly.

"The Bausch & Lomb Science Award is especially significant," according to Robert Warwick, department chairman of science, who will make the presentation, "because it recognizes a senior student at our school who has attained a superior scholastic standing in science subjects."

As winner of the Award, Chester is eligible to compete for one of several four-year Bausch & Lomb Science Scholarships at the University of Rochester, Rochester, N. Y. Scholarship winners are selected on merit, and stipends, based on need, could range up to $4,500 per year. Surveys indicate that the Award has encouraged more than 30 percent of the winners to follow scientific careers.

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Television reviews

by Lisa Fisher

THE TONY RANDALL SHOW
Thursday 9:00 p.m. Chnl. 7

Out of all the new shows this season, this is the one I like the most. It stars Tony Randall as Judge Walter Franklin. He is a widower who lives with his daughter, played by Devon Scott (George C. Scott's daughter) and his son, played by Brad Savage. Other major characters are his English housekeeper, played by Rachel Roberts, the court stenographer, played by Barney Martin, and the Judge's secretary, Miss Reubner, played by Allyn Ann McLearie.

The show is very well written. All of the characters are believable. It's one of the few situation comedies that's good without being a Norman Lear or Happy Days/Kotter type of show. The TONY RANDALL SHOW is not only well written, but it also has excellent performances. My favorite on the show is Miss Reubner. She is the perfect straight-laced woman of the Puritan ethic. But, you can see that underneath, she is just as corrupt as everyone else. Tony Randall is also very good. He gives a very smooth performance. This show is very enjoyable and highly recommended.

THE NANCY WALKER SHOW
Thursday 9:30 p.m. Chnl. 7

If you expect Nancy Walker to be anything like she was in "Rhoda," you're in for a surprise. In her new show, she is a theatrical agent with some odd family relationships. On the first show, her husband, played by Kenneth Daniels, who had been at sea for most of their 30 years of marriage, came home to stay. But, Nancy also lives with her male secretary (played by Ken Olfsun), who is gay. There is also her complaining hypochondriac daughter, Lorraine, played by Beverly Archer. Lorraine is one of the most obnoxious characters I have ever seen on television. She is constantly complaining about her physical ailments, her depressions, her marriage, her kids, her upbringing, etc., etc., etc. Some people may find this funny, but I don't. What I meant in the beginning of the article is that instead of making her daughter feel guilty, as in "Rhoda," Nancy Walker's daughter is now making her feel guilty. And, she is much better at giving than receiving. I think she is more suited to be a conservative mother with a liberal daughter than the reverse.

The show is very poorly written. It's predictable. The jokes are not funny. It's all too obvious. I think Nancy Walker would be better off going back to "Rhoda" and continuing in her old role.

"Norman—Is That You?"
by Michael Aita

"Norman—Is That You?" is yet another comedy that has been adapted from a Broadway play and brought to the movie screens. It can be compared with "The Odd Couple" in that it gives us its laughs at a more modern level; not in vaudeville as in "The Sunshine Boys."

Redd Foxx plays Ben Chambers, a seemingly lonely middle-aged man who often talks to himself. Upon hearing that his wife, Beatrice, (Pearl Bailey) is having an affair with his own brother, Ben moves to California where their son Norman (Mike Warren) lives in a luxurious apartment. He tells Norman about his mother and soon finds out that Norman is a homosexual, and is living in the apartment with his friend Garson (Dennis Dugan).

The film then shows us how these problems affect Ben and eventually drive him out of the apartment for a while and into the streets, where he goes to a bookstore and buys eight books on the subject of homosexuality, until finally, he actually finds himself going out on the town with Garson.

Two of the scenes in "Norman—Is That You?" are presented in a way that we seldom see in movies anymore. First, a dream sequence in which we see Ben's thoughts on the whole matter, and second, the final scene in which Ben turns around and talks to the audience itself. These scenes are meant to show us that the movie screen is really a stage, and that we, the audience are watching a play and not a movie. Many will feel that these two scenes ruin the film, but I find them only a part of a totally entertaining and unique film.

Out to lunch

by Nancy Meyers

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For salad lovers, O'CONNORS offers a salad bar that can't be beat. Aside from the usual fare of fresh lettuce and vegetables, it also contains assorted relishes, macaroni salad, fresh breads, Greek salad, potato salad, cole slaw, bean salad . . . The variety is incredible. Salad is included with the dinner. It can also be ordered as an entree for $2.95

O'CONNORS is an informal, fun place to eat. The atmosphere is relaxed, but lively. Various jazz groups perform in the bar nightly.

Main dishes range in price from $3.95 to $8.50. Dinner for two can cost as little as $10 or as much as $20. A one quart pitcher of beer costs $1.50. A 15% tip is automatically included in the bill.

O'CONNORS is open seven days a week. Dinner is served Monday through Thursday from 5 to 10:30 p.m., Friday until 11, and Saturday until 11:30. Sunday hours are from 1 to 9 p.m. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Reservations are not accepted.

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If there are any interested students willing to write articles for the sports section will they kindly contact Kay Schindler, Sports Editor, in HR 17C. I have many sports and activities that need to be written.

SPORTS

Swim Team

by Kay Schindler

The East Brunswick Swim team began tryouts on Nov. 15, 1976 at the YMCA. During a recent interview with Mr. Jerry Tutak, an English teacher at Churchill, he siad that the "beginning workouts will be rigorous because the season begins meets about two weeks after tryouts." This year will be the first year that ninth graders will be allowed to participate on the high school swim team. The coaches expect to have more strength and depth in the team, especially with the girls' team. The boys' team is expected to be strong because only two team-members graduated last year.

Many of the returning swimmers have been training over the summer and on another winter team. This year the girls team is looking for butterflyers and long distance swimmers. The key meets to watch for will be Toms River South, St. Joseph's, North Brunswick and Bridgewater.

The goal of the swim team this year is to qualify for the State championships this year which are held in Princeton. The workouts are 6:30-7:30 every morning at the YMCA in New Brunswick.

Diving Team

by Kay Schindler

This year is the first year of the EBHS diving team. The coach is Mr. Pat Gentile. Starting workouts began in November at the boys Y in New Brunswick. The team is expected to be strong, especially in girls diving events.

Boys' Gymnastics

by Tim Carstens

The gymnastic team, as usual, had a winning record this year. It has four victories and three losses. Even this good record is deceiving. The team may actualy be better. The team's early losses can be attributed to the ineligibility of several of the team's top performers.

All the members of the team have done a great job. A few, however, such as Keith Carasso and Jon Gaertner have performed exceptionally well. The best all around performer, usualy scoring a 40-41, has been Chris Koch.

According to Coach Donald We - der, East Brunswick now has one of the highest rated teams in the state.

Girls Basketball

by Debbie Wolfslayer

Winter sports are here, bringing a orand new season for the girls basketball team. The varsity squad, coached by Miss Regalado, has high hopes for this year. Last year they placed 2nd in the Brunswick Girls Christmas Tournament, and 2nd in the Middlesex County Conference, with a record of 15 wins and 3 losses. Returning from last year are two letter winning juniors: Ronnie Gudewicz and Debbie Hanna, and four seniors: Trish Bornheimer, Janet Sorber, Tracy Smith and Mary Compton. This year, the girls have a 22 game schedule, along with the Christmas, county and state tournaments. They are hoping for their first victory when they open the season, December 10th, against Cedar Ridge. The game will be played at Cedar Ridge at 7:30.

Girls' Field Hockey

by Amy French

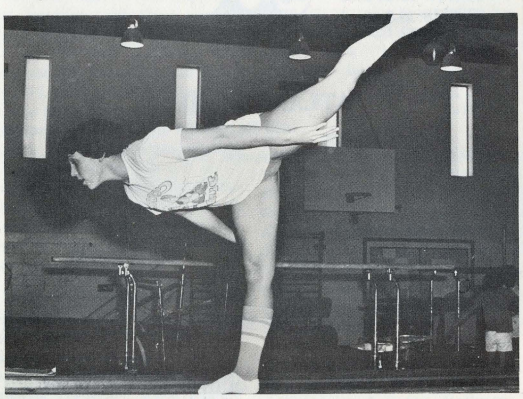
The Girls' Field Hockey team is having a fantastic season with a record of 13-1-2. The team played in the Conference championship against Sayreville. With the time running out the girls were playing as hard as ever. The score was 1-1. Time was called and the team entered the first of two five-minute intervals which were the overtimes needed to help break a tie in a conference. game.

The first overtime went by without a goal scored for either team. Next, the girls entered the second overtime. Halfway through, Trish Bornheimer faked the goalie and made a goal. East Brunswick won! Now comes the county tournament.

On Saturday morning the Girls' Field Hockey team played Metuchen for the county championship. The game was played on the Middlesex County College field. The game was particularly exciting. The girls played a great game defeating Metuchen by a score of 3-1; all goals were made by Trish Bornheimer.

On Nov. 2, the girls played against Sayreville for the third time, competing for the state semi-finals. The Bombers were extremely rowdy and expectant. This game would determine who would be in the state finals. Three goals were made by Trish Bornheimer and one by Paula Casiere ending the game with the score of 4-1.

The player who has scored the greatest number of goals is Trish Bornheimer. Up to this point in the season Trish has scored 37 goals. This averages over two goals per game. Other people on the team who have scored are Paula Casiere and Debbie Deutsch.



Jill Ryer on balance beam

Cross Country

by Michael Barkann

The cross country team finished its season with a respectable record of ten wins and four losses. Except for the loss of key runner Craig Brearly, the Bears season ended as expected.

Senior Bill Chinchar lead the team, constantly placing highly in every meet. New additions, Colin Moore, senior and Lee Nestel, junior were right behind Chinchar and gave the team a needed "extra punch." Senior Arden Taub, juniors Doug Tomchuk and Mike Barkann and sophomore Harold Zeirdt came through strongly as expected.

East Brunswick placed seventh in the county with Chinchar placing twentieth and Moore placing twenty-eighth.

Coach George Boring is looking forward to next year when the Bears could have one of its bests seasons ever.

Soccer

by Rich Pressler

East Brunswick High School Soccer finished out one of its best seasons with a 5-4 victory over Perth Amboy, completing a 15-3-1 record. Undefeated in conference play, the Bears were the second all-time high scoring team in EB history. After losing their opener to Hamilton-East 4-2, the Bears went fourteen straight games without a defeat, scoring key victories over Hamilton-West, St. Joseph's and Madison Central.

Aggressiveness and good skills characterized the team's play throughout the season. Often flat in the first half, the Bears were explosive in the second, scoring three times as many goals in the last two quarters as in the first two.

Leading the scoring for EB were Ed Ramirez, Tony Pontieri, Dan Kelly, Sadyk Delgado and Tom McDermott. Goalie Dave Menninger led a very tight defense consisting of Butch Sorber, Bob Blanchard and John Thompson. Three Bear players, Ramirez, Delgado and Sorber were named All-County, while Pontieri and Kelly were named second team all county. Coach Florek was given the honor of Coach of the Year for Middlesex County.

Despite tournament losses to Jamesburg and Hamilton-West, EB Soccer enjoyed one of its best teams and most successful seasons.

Girls' Gymnastics

by Jill Ryer

Chalk up another undefeated season for the East Brunswick High School Girls Gymnastics Team. The girls completed their season as conference champs with a 12-0 record. For the first time in EBHS girls gymnastics history, the score of 100 was broken. This year's scores averaged in the high 90's. The girls earned the title of Middlesex County Champs by beating 10 other teams. Coach Eileen Wans' starting lineup, which consists of Terri Roedelbronn, Bernadette Cybulski, Marlene Henry, Jill Ryer and Karen Regen, achieved a second place standing in the Sectional Tournament. This standing qualified the team for the State meet. Bernadette, Terri, Jill and Marlene also qualified individually. The girls finished third behind Red Bank Catholic and Ridgewood. Bernadette and Terri were medal winners in the state.

Dave Zeidwerg goes up for another dunk at basketball practice.

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84 students take trip to Boston

by Lisa Fisher

As the sun was rising over Route 18 one Saturday morning in mid-November, 84 Masterpieces of American Literature students started on their trip to Boston. Arranged by Mr. Steve Michaud and Mr. George Racz, the trip was meant not only for having a good time, but also to help discover America's literary and historical roots.

After a five and a half hour ride, the first stop was in Salem, Massachusetts. This included a visit to the Salem Witch Museum, a talk on local architecture, and a facinating tour of the House of Seven Gables. Nathaniel Hawthorne, the author of the classic novel by the same name, was inspired by the house, in which his cousins lived.

The next stop was Concord. Everyone saw where Paul Revere was captured by the British on his famous ride, and more examples of local architecture, and a fascinating then split up and half of the students went to see the site of the Battle of Lexington and Concord, while the other half went to the Henry David Thoreau Lyceum where they heard an interesting and informative lecture on the author's life. The two groups then rejoined at Walden Pond, the famous location immortalized by Thoreau in his book **Walden**.

From there, it was straight on to Boston. Everyone stayed at the beautiful hotel, the Parker House. Saturday night, the groups were free to do what they pleased. Some went to one of the many famous restaurants, some took a tour of Boston at night, some went into Cambridge to see Harvard Yard, and some just went back to the hotel to go to sleep early.

On Sunday morning, the groups started out on the Fredom Trail. By following the red line on the sidewalks and streets of Boston, one can see such historical sites as the Old North Church, Benjamin Franklin's birthplace, Boston Common, and many famous burial grounds.

After returning from the Freedom Trail, the groups assembled and left Boston. They then went to see the U.S.S. Constitution ("Old Ironsides"). It is the original battleship which was thoroughly restored in 1927. The last stop was Bunker Hill and the Bunker Hill Monument. Some ambitious students climbed the long, steep spiral staircase of the monument to see the view from the top.

When everyone returned to the buses, they reluctantly started back home. Everyone returned a little wiser, with a few new friends, and a lot of great memories.

Fire bells now in good order

A short circuit in the fire bell system has been identified as the cause of the frequency of fire drills and fire bell testing. Assistant Principal John Caseiro said that the short circuit was discovered when the system went off in the middle of the night. Firemen rushed to the school, but found no fire. The school then had to find out where the problem was and the only way was by testing the system. The work was done during school hours because it was less expensive than on evenings or weekends. At press time, the fire alarm system was working properly.

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Varsity ski team ready for season

by Jim Efstathiou

With the wrap-up of fall sports and the winter season approaching, athletes and coaches are anticipating successful seasons. The East Brunswick Ski Team is no exception and has already **begun** preparing for the upcoming season.

This 76-77 season will be the ski team's third year as a varsity sport and it has been a successful team each season. Last year the boys' team finished 7th in the state, and the girls came in 3rd. Most of the teams they compete with however, are located closer to Great Gorge, where the races are held, and have many more opportunities to practice. Usually the only time the EB team can practice through the racing gates is on the Sunday trips to Great Gorge.

This year for the boys' team, there are six letter winners from last year returning. Three seniors, Adam Hart, Wally Janowski and John Provel and three juniors, Dave Kant, Billy Galuchie and Steve Ferlauto. The boys' team finished much stronger toward the end of the season as their racing experience increased. With most of the team returning. Coach Ray Beier is looking for an even stronger season from his racers. The girls' team may not be as strong by returning racers but with plenty of new faces moving up they may pull an upset.

Most of the members of the Ski Team will participate in the week long Park City, Utah trip during Easter break. This along with the regular trips to Hunter Mountain and Great Gorge will be great for everyone.

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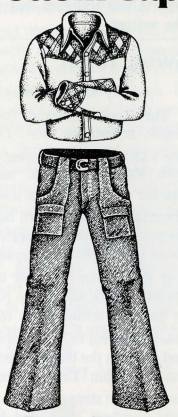
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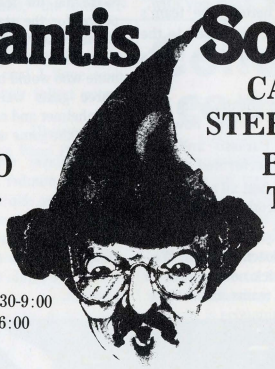
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